

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 2070 - SB 2056**

February 16, 2022

**SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (013303):** Adds conviction for certain offenses to the definition of "severe child abuse" by a parent. Makes various changes regarding the termination of parental or guardianship rights and a parent's standing to make claims regarding such termination of rights. Establishes that all confidential adoption records become a public record and open to inspection when 100 years have elapsed since the adoption was finalized or since the creation of the oldest dated item in the adoption record.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Passage of the proposed legislation will not result in a significant increase in caseloads for the state and local courts.
- Any changes relating to the opening of confidential adoption records after 100 years are expected to be absorbed within existing resources and will not have a significant effect on the operations of the Department of Children's Services.
- Any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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